

**MINUTES**  
**WYOMING CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 17, 2016**

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on October 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Wyoming Municipal Building. Mayor Porter called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

**Council Members:**

Barry Porter, Mayor  
Al Delgado, Vice Mayor  
Keith Desserich  
Jenni McCauley  
Jim O'Reilly

**Others:**

Lynn Tetley, City Manager  
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

**MINUTES:**

Ms. McCauley moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular City Council meeting as written. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016, 2016 City Council meeting, as written, carried with all voting yes.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting as written. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting as written carried with all voting yes.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

Mayor Porter asked for any comments on the Special Reports. No comments were received.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Porter asked for any comments on the Committee Reports. No comments were received.

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Porter asked if there were any citizens present that would like to address City Council. No comments were received.

#### REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Ms. Tetley reported that nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted through October 30. This Sunday evening the Halloween Hoopla and the Howling Pooch Parade events will be held at the Civic Center starting at 1:00 p.m.

#### BUSINESS:

- A. Eight Grade Honors Class Tree Project Presentation: Wyoming Middle School students Ethan Jobalia, Seth Kahn, and Katerina Getgey presented a PowerPoint presentation to City Council about carbon sequestration entitled "Go Green or Go Home".
- In seventh grade, we learned about the carbon cycle and greenhouse gases.
  - We wanted to learn more about how trees in our local environment remove carbon from the atmosphere, so we talked to our teachers about doing research on the topic.
  - Our teachers decided to let us investigate in the field to discover how much carbon trees in a mature forest could sequester.
  - Collecting the Data: We traveled to Hisey Park in Warren County and Caesar Creek State Park to sample trees.

- Our Goals: To identify tree species and plot their distribution within a 400 square foot area. To measure circumference of each tree.
- Mr. Lindauer, a naturalist from Warren County, helped us with data collection and identification of trees.
- Hisey Park from Wyoming is about 36 miles away on the shortest route.
- Caesar Creek from Wyoming is about 39 miles on the shortest route.
- After we collected the data, we came back to the school and analyzed it. We put the circumferences and species of the trees into a formula to figure out how much carbon was sequestered.
- The Data: This was over 6,400 square feet (16, 20x20 ft. or 400 sq. ft. plots). About 1/10 of an acre. An acre has about 143,571 kilograms of carbon sequestered on it. The Greenbelt along the Mill Creek comprises about 5 acres of land.
- Conclusion: If were to restore mill creek to a mature forest, we would sequester about 717,855 kilograms of carbon over a 100-200 year period.
- Our community could also increase the carbon sequestration potential by restoring other parks in Wyoming.

Mr. Desserich asked if a certain type of tree provides the most amount of carbon sequestration. The students indicated that a Sycamore tree provides the most amount of carbon sequestration and that the best plan of action for the future is to follow the patterns of the past. Ms. McCauley asked how tall the trees were that were studied at the Warren County parks. The students indicated that they took samples from a variety of tall and short trees as well as old and new. The forest was mature and had been growing by itself for a while. Mr. O'Reilly commented that he owns a tree farm in Indiana and has 188 trees and he asked the students for suggestions on how many trees he should plant every year to help contribute to maximum carbon sequestration potential. The students speculated the answer will depend on the region the trees are planting; the data would likely

not be the same for our area versus northwest Indiana. Ms. McCauley commented that this was a very good project.

- B. Presentation of 2016 Historic Preservation, Urban Forestry, and Beautification Awards: Mr. Andrew Heckaman, chair of the Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission shared a PowerPoint presentation depicting pictures of the seven award winners. Awards were presented to: The Long Family, 239 Compton Ridge Drive (Architecture Award); the Trowel & Error Garden Club for Centennial Park (Community Spirit Award); Steve Hromadka, 217 Springfield Pike (Historic Preservation Award); the Mueninghoff Family, 101 Elm Avenue (Landscape Award); the Ehrlich Family, 621 Springfield Pike (Landscape Award); the Hillis Family, 338 Willowbrook Lane (Landscape Award); and the Calvert Family, 26 Mt. Pleasant Avenue (Urban Forestry Award).
- C. Public Hearing on Legislation amending Chapter 1331, Signs, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wyoming: Mayor Porter announced that the public hearing had been cancelled.
- D. Report from the Planning Commission on Amendments to Codified Ordinance Sections 1103 Definitions and 1189.03 Pertaining to Residential Based Businesses to Prohibit the Use of Residential Property in the City of Wyoming for Operation of a Kennel: Mr. Jon B. Boss, Chair of the Planning Commission, presented the report to City Council. The Planning Commission's September 29, 2016 memo details the September 12, 2016, 4-0 recommendation that City Council adopt an Ordinance that adds the definition of "Kennel" to Chapter 1103 of the City's Planning and Zoning Code and adds "Kennels" to the list of prohibited uses identified in Section 1189.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code as outlined in the draft ordinance attached to our memo. A summary of our discussion and the background for the Planning

Commission's recommendation in response to the Committee of the Whole's request that we consider such amendments is contained in that brief memo.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to adopt the report. Ms. McCauley seconded the motion. There being no comments or questions, the motion to adopt the report from the Planning Commission on amendments to Codified Ordinance Sections 1103 Definitions and 1189.09 pertaining to Residential Based Businesses to prohibit the use of residential property in the City of Wyoming for operation of a kennel carried with all voting yes.

- E. First Reading of the Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Sections 1103 Definitions and 1189.03 Pertaining to Residential Based Businesses to Prohibit the Use of Residential Property in the City of Wyoming for Operation of a Kennel: Mayor Porter noted this is the first reading of the Ordinance and set the second reading and the public hearing for the November 21, 2016 City Council meeting.
- F. First Reading of the Ordinance Adopting the Revised Fees and Charges for 2017 and Declaring an Emergency: Mayor Porter noted this is the first reading of the Ordinance and set the second reading and the public hearing for the November 21, 2016 City Council meeting.
- G. Resolution Adopting Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor: Ms. McCauley moved to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. There being no comments the motion to adopt the Resolution adopting amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor carried with all voting yes.

H. Third Quarter Financial Report:

Mr. Jeremiah Caudill, Finance Director, presented the report to City Council. The third quarter financial report indicates the financial condition of the City as of September 30, 2016.

General Fund Revenue:

\$7,811,178 total revenues which are comprised of:

- Real Estate taxes of \$2,395,333
- Income Tax receipts of \$4,914,741
- Local Government Fund of \$72,696
- Charges for services of \$74,624
- Permits-\$22,830
- Court costs/fines/forfeits of \$30,282
- Interest of \$42,629
- Other Revenue of \$258,043

General Fund Expenditures:

\$6,244,042 total expenditures comprised of:

- Police Department/Mayor's Court expenditures-\$1,292,239
- Other Operating expenditures-\$1,442,183
- Public Works/Facilities expenditures-\$1,171,918
- Fire/EMS expenditures-\$346,114
- Administrative/Legislative/Communication-\$292,758
- Customer Service/Finance expenditures-\$211,338
- Legal expenditures-\$49,378
- Community Development expenditures-\$136,582
- Transfers/Debt Service-\$1,301,531

General Fund Highlights:

- Income Tax receipts up 22.8% compared to 2015

- Property Tax receipts-\$2,395,333 through September 30, 2016
- Expenses of \$6,244,042 or 63.47% of budgeted amount compared to 75% of year complete
- Transfer to Health/Life Fund-\$337,500
- Debt Service-\$214,031

Recreation Fund Revenues:

Total Recreation Fund revenues: \$661,694

Major Revenue Sources:

- Recreation-\$344,328
- Civic Center-\$51,678
- Aquatic Center-\$153,212
- Parks & Fields-\$112,476

Recreation Fund Expenditures:

Total Recreation Fund expenditures: \$885,436

Major Expenditure Sources:

- Recreation-\$474,213
- Civic Center-\$96,002
- Aquatic Center-\$243,103
- Parks & Fields-\$72,118

Capital Improvement Fund:

Total CIP Fund expenses-\$547,192

- (Sidewalk Repairs \$25,553; Public Safety Improvements-\$102,922; Mill Creek Hike/Bike Extension-\$10,800; OPWC Loan SFP Engineering-\$166,200; Debt Service-\$241,397)

Total WW CIP Fund expenses-\$46,871

- (GIS Development-\$1,470; Water Works Master Plan-\$2,094; Debt Service-\$43,306)

Water Revenue Fund:

- 2014 Water Revenues (at end of third quarter)-\$1,182,928
- 2014 Water Expenditures (at end of third quarter)-\$946,632
- 2015 Water Revenues (at end of third quarter)-\$1,179,755
- 2015 Water Expenditures (at end of third quarter)-\$1,069,992
- 2016 Water Revenues (at end of third quarter)-\$1,180,456
- 2016 Water Expenditures (at end of third quarter)-\$908,122

Non-Major Funds:

Street Construction Fund

- Total Revenue-\$294,989
- Total Expenses-\$205,723

State Highway Fund

- Total Revenue-\$24,489
- Total Expenses-\$18,698

Mr. O'Reilly moved to receive the report. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. There being no further comments, the motion to receive the Third Quarter Financial Report carried with all voting yes.

Miscellaneous:

Mr. Desserich thanked the City and staff for the hospitality in hosting the Beer Wine Food event benefitting The Cure Starts Now Foundation. Ms. McCauley thanked Mr. Desserich for adding the event to the City's community event feel. Mr. Delgado asked Mr. Desserich if he noticed an uptick in attendance from last year. Mr. Desserich commented that the attendance was about the same.

Mr. O'Reilly asked to recognize Ms. Joan Gory who is a Recreation Front Desk Attendant and is resigning her position. Mr. O'Reilly explained that Ms. Gory opens the Center in the early morning hours and he appreciates her assistance.



EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Delgado moved to excuse Ms. Eismeier and Ms. Kamm. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion. There being no comments, the motion to excuse Ms. Eismeier and Ms. Kamm carried with all voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. McCauley moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Section 121.22(G) (1) to consider an appointment to the Promote Wyoming Commission and 121.22 (G) (3) to discuss imminent litigation with the City Solicitor. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to adjourn to Executive Session carried with all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:57 p.m.

Mr. Delgado moved to appoint Jonathan Brack to the Promote Wyoming Commission. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion. There being no comments the motion to appoint Jonathan Brack to the Promote Wyoming Commission carried with all voting yes.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. McCauley seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to adjourn the meeting carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

APPROVED:

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Barry Porter, Mayor

Clerk of Council